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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of M. Sugawara, et al. in the above-identified patent application entitled SEMICONDUCTOR AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF.

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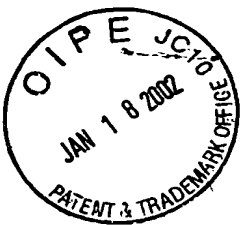
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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S I R:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2001. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-2, and Group II claim 3.

In response, applicant hereby elects examination of Group I claims 1-2.

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